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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Peking And Thailand

THE unfriendly and unjust accusations which the New China News Agency has levelled against Thailand this week may merely be intended to manifest to the world that the Chinese Communist propaganda machine is still in full working order; additionally it could be a psychological move to help forward the latest Communist military enterprise in Laos which borders Thailand. The tendency both in London and Washington to regard the development as part of a plan to shift Red aggression from Korea to Southeast Asia is not to be discounted; nevertheless any suggestion that a Communist invasion of Thailand is imminent is not readily acceptable. Anti-Thai propaganda is not new to the Peking regime. Two years ago it indulged in a radio campaign in which the Thai Government was accused of persecuting Chinese residents and (in words almost identical to those employed this week) "openly carrying out the bidding of American imperialism." In short the Chinese Communists are returning to an old theme which, in 1951 made no impression on the people of Thailand, but the meaning of which today may be more sinister.

THE Government of Siam has consistently taken a strong line against Communism in Asia. This is not because the risk is large of Communism making headway among the Siamese, who are Buddhists, monarchists, and mostly prosperous peasant proprietors, with no grudge against "Western imperialism." Promises that the land will be redistributed and the country freed from foreign rule mean virtually nothing in Thailand, where there is no pressure on the soil and no memory of political subordination to the West. The Communist threat springs first from the fact that it is already implanted in neighbouring countries, and secondly, from its influence on the Chinese section of her own population. Undoubtedly during the last twenty years, successive governments of China have wooed the Chinese in Thailand, endeavouring to persuade them to detach themselves from the Siamese among whom they live, and to cultivate ties with China. And the emergence of a Communist Government in China has created a Chinese Communist party in Thailand, though the extent of its influence on the population is probably not decisive.

THE Peking regime has no reason to like the right-wing government of Thailand. It has refused to give recognition to the Mao Tse-tung administration; it was among the first of the United Nations allies to send troops to Korea (the point has been emphasised in the Peking accusations this week); and it has consistently followed a policy of full support to the United Nations in defence of bitter attacks from Moscow as well as Peking. These are factors obviously helping to generate the latest display of animosity by Communist China, but still to be revealed is whether the propaganda attacks are a prelude for more serious action on the part of Peking against Thailand. And it is the doubts raised which invest the present Communist campaign in Laos with special significance. If it is wholly successful Thailand's defensive position will be seriously compromised, with the consequent danger of severe Communist pressure being applied to the country both from without and within.

Eisenhower Worried By Laos Situation

BECOMES VERY SERIOUS SENATORS ARE TOLD

Question Of Diverting War Supplies To Indo-China

(From HENRY LOWRIE)

London, Apr. 29.

President Eisenhower is so worried by the seriousness of the situation which has developed since the Communist drive into Laos that he is considering just how much additional fighting equipment can be diverted from Europe to assist the French in Indo-China.

The Government's anxiety was voiced today by the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, when he testified in secret for two hours before the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee.

After the meeting the Committee Chairman, Senator Alexander Wiley, underlined the official American concern by thrice using the phrase "very serious."

He was evidently echoing the grave warning issued by Mr Dulles for he quoted the latter as saying "Extension of the Indo-China war to Laos has created a serious new problem which disturbs all peace-loving people."

Sensor Wiley added that the State and Defence Departments were considering sending additional arms to the French and what portion can be spared of the supplies earmarked for Europe.

Sensor Wiley went on "The whole problem is under very serious consideration in the highest quarters. The fall of Laos would have an effect on the entire world situation and must be considered a dangerous eruption."

Mr Dulles was questioned regarding America's foreign aid programme and, according to Senator Wiley, left the Committee with the impression that the Far East at present is a "more dangerous" trouble spot than Europe.

Sensor Wiley said increased aid to Indo-China would not set back European defence plans under the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation but admitted that some temporary diversion of arms might be necessary.—London Express Service.

TO TAKE CHARGE

Paris, Apr. 30. General Charles Leclerc, chief of the French Air Staff, flies out to Indo-China today (Thursday) to take charge of the "airbridge" to hard-pressed French Union forces, amid mounting signs that a political storm is brewing over the conduct of the war.

Government concern was illustrated by the news that France's top soldier, Marshal Alphonse Juin, Inspector-General of the armed forces, may go out to Indo-China for several months to help to straighten out the situation.

If he goes, it would probably mean that he would have to ask to be relieved of his Atlantic

Pact job as Commander of Central European land forces. Political controversy over the handling of the long, weary Indo-China war—now in crisis with rebel forces knocking at the gates of the Laos Royal seat, Luang Prabang—may burst into the open in an early National Assembly debate. The Assembly will reconvene on May 12.

General Georges Revers, who has been attacked as largely responsible for the leakage of a secret Indo-China document three years ago, jumped into the fray yesterday with a press interview blaming the Paris Government for not giving real power to the State of Vietnam, largest of the three French Union states in Indo-China.

General Revers also accused the French Treasury of countenancing conditions allowing "appalling corruption" in Indo-China.

Another attack came from J. Servan Schreier, regular political writer in the Conservative paper *Le Monde*. He alleged that "certain political groups" in France had found the Indo-China war financially profitable.

He said several thousand million francs had flowed into their pockets from exchange deals, provision of supplies and war damage compensation.

Rebel forces were last reported manoeuvring to gain a springboard for an attack on Luang Prabang. But, though they were a mere 15 miles away, the attack was not expected for a day or two.

The King of Laos, Sisavang Vong 67 years old and disabled by gout and rheumatism, has refused to leave the town. High spirits has helped to spur civilians and troops to greater efforts, but the French are

worried about the propaganda effect if he should fall into rebel hands.—Reuter.

THAI REQUEST

Washington, Apr. 29. Diplomatic officials said today that the Thai Embassy had requested that United States arms be sent to Thailand to help it resist the Communist invasion of Laos.

The French Embassy also has been informed that the possibility of rushing heavy transport planes to help stop the Laos invasion was being considered at the highest governmental levels.

The Thai Ambassador, Mr Pote Sarasin, today authorised the United Press to quote him directly as follows: "I paid an urgent call yesterday on the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Walter J. Robertson, to ask that US arms aid to Thailand be immediately stepped up in view of the Communist Vietnamese invasion of Laos."

"I asked that details of this be discussed by the US military mission in Bangkok with my government, as I pointed out we want to be prepared as soon as possible for all eventualities in view of the invasion of Laos. I pointed out that this is of the utmost importance in view of the danger that a threat to Thailand by the Communist forces in Laos would create, not only for my country but for Malaysia as well."

VULNERABLE

"I told Mr Robertson of the vulnerability of my country to any further Communist aggression resulting from the Communist invasion of Laos. I said that my country exclusively exported strategic raw materials to the West and any cutting off of their supplies would be a blow to Western economy."

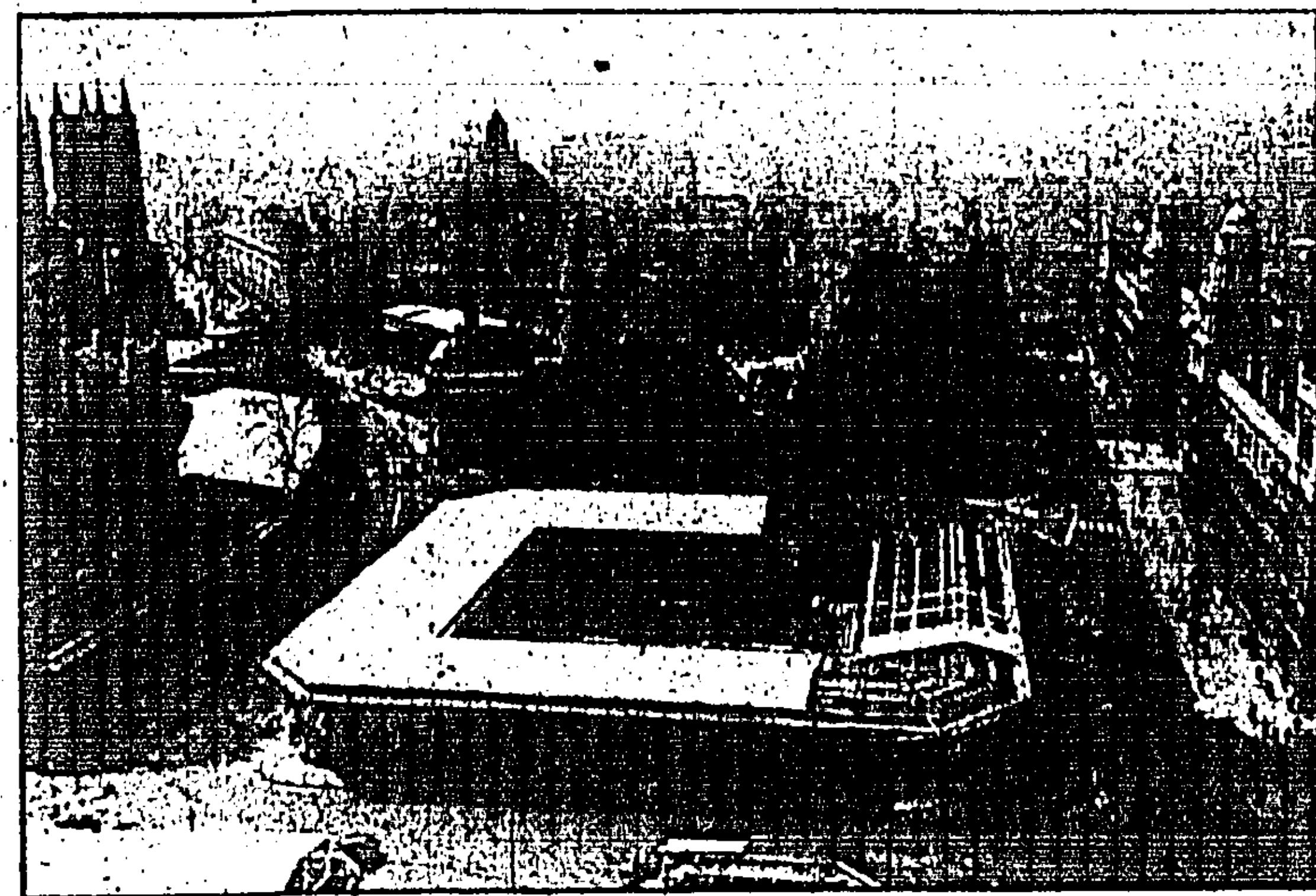
"I pointed out that Thailand is not in a position to put a large number of armed forces in the field, but the forces it has it wants to be properly and fully equipped in the shortest time possible, in view of the Laos invasion."

"I added that Thailand did not, in view of this danger, intend to withdraw its forces from Korea."

Mr Sarasin said Mr Robertson assured him he would immediately take the Thai request to the highest governmental levels.—United Press.

VOROSHILOV'S ASSURANCE

London, Apr. 29. Marshal Voroshilov, the Soviet President, said today that Russia's armed forces "do not threaten anyone and have no intention of attacking any foreign country," according to Moscow Radio.—Reuter.



Coronation Stands

This photo taken from the top of the House of Commons shows Coronation stands being erected in Parliament Square, on the lawns of Westminster Abbey (left) and on the lawns of the Houses of Parliament (foreground).—AP Photo.

No Lane, Crawford Dairy Farm Merger

There is to be no merger between Lane, Crawford, Ltd., and the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

This was disclosed at today's annual meeting of the Dairy Farm Company, and a statement similar to that made by the Chairman was simultaneously released by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

Announcing the breakdown in the merger negotiations, Mr J. D. Alexander said to Dairy Farm shareholders:

"It is my duty to report that negotiations with Lane, Crawford, Ltd., for a merger between the two companies have, by mutual consent, been abandoned. "While agreement in principle was reached on the desirability of a complete merger, it proved impossible to reach agreement as to the comparative values of our respective undertakings. "Both Boards have been into much detail and have made every effort to find a mutually satisfactory basis for a merger but they have now reluctantly come to the conclusion that their honest differences of opinion cannot be reconciled. "It has consequently been decided to terminate the negotiations."

The statement released this morning by Lane, Crawford, Ltd., read:

"The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., wishes to confirm that as stated today by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dairy Farm, Ltd., the negotiations for a merger of the two companies have, by mutual consent, been abandoned."

"While complete merger was agreed in principle it was not found possible to reach agreement as to the comparative values of the respective undertakings, and in consequence it was decided with regret that the negotiations be terminated."

Ban On Shipping Ruling

London, Apr. 29.

Merchant ships carrying strategic cargoes to Communist China have been barred from refuelling at British-controlled sources east of Suez, the Government announced today.

A Ministry of Fuel and Power statement said that British oil companies have been asked to inform the Government of all requests for bunkering facilities east of Suez.

"In appropriate cases the British Government will request the oil companies to refuse supplies," the statement said. Similar arrangements to control the supply of coal bunkers are being made.

The ban follows statements made in the House of Commons by Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, on March 17 and 18, in which he said arrangements were being worked out with the authorities in British territories concerned to prevent ships carrying strategic cargoes to China being bunkered on British-controlled ports. On March 18 the Government announced it had banned its merchant ships from carrying strategic goods from any source to Communist China or Communist-controlled North Korea.

Licences to sail to China or North Korea would be granted provided ships did not carry "any item of strategic cargo" unless specific items were exempted. The list of barred strategic goods included 43 items ranging from electric furnaces and ball bearings to explosives, rubber and chemicals.—Reuter.

Soviet Spies Arrested

Berlin, Apr. 29.

West Berlin police have arrested several members of a Soviet spy gang, the West German news agency DPA said today.

An alleged spy ring led by Soviet officers was broken by police in West Berlin earlier this month and 39 people were arrested.

The West German Vice Chancellor, Herr Franz Blucher, said it was the biggest Soviet spy ring uncovered since the war.

During the past fortnight nine of these held have been released. One committed suicide in prison. The police said tonight they had arrested seven people in three raids during the past four days.

Two of them were released. The others were detained on suspicion of spying for Russia. The first group, two men and one woman, was arrested on Sunday morning, police said.—Reuter.

Orders For Hongkong Textiles Roll In

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, Apr. 29.

Orders for over 500,000 yards of cotton goods have been placed by buyers from all parts of the world at the Hongkong Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Association's textile exhibit at St Ermin's Hotel in London.

Mr Charles Silas, of the Nanyang Cotton Mill, who is in charge of this section of Hongkong's contribution to the British Industries Fair, reports more serious enquiries than last year when textiles were first displayed separately from the Colony's main exhibit at Earls Court.

Eighteen Hongkong firms are taking part in the St Ermin's Hotel exhibition.

Buyers from all parts of the world have expressed keen interest in Hongkong textiles and quotations have been requested by importers from Denmark, Belgium and Germany, as well as many from Lancashire.

A Nigerian buyer who imported large quantities of Hongkong textiles before the war said he was anxious to resume trade with the Colony on a large scale.

At Earls Court hundreds more enquiries have been dealt with on the Hongkong stand. Details have already been forwarded to the Colony of those taken in the first two days. Many of them are expected to lead to firm orders.

ATTRACT ATTENTION

There are few goods among the wide range on show at Earls Court that have not attracted the attention of buyers. A British importer is keen to obtain large quantities of Chinese canned food, and another has expressed an interest in Chinese toys.

One visitor, who has apparently not been influenced by recent adverse criticism of Hongkong goods, has asked for a quotation for a large quantity of knitted glovewear. (A British glove manufacturer recently alleged that Hongkong knitted gloves were made in Japan and exported to this country as Empire goods to obtain preferential tariff treatment).

Most exhibitors at the Fair have been complaining of the lack of interest shown by buyers, but this has not been the

New Title Hint

Dublin, Apr. 29.

The Duke of Edinburgh was likely to be given a new title at the Coronation, Mr C. G. Carson, Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Church of Ireland, told the Church general synod in Dublin today.

He said Prince Charles might be created Prince of Wales.

Mr Carson was announcing a new arrangement under which changes in the prayer book would not be necessary with every change in title of a member of the Royal family.—Reuter.

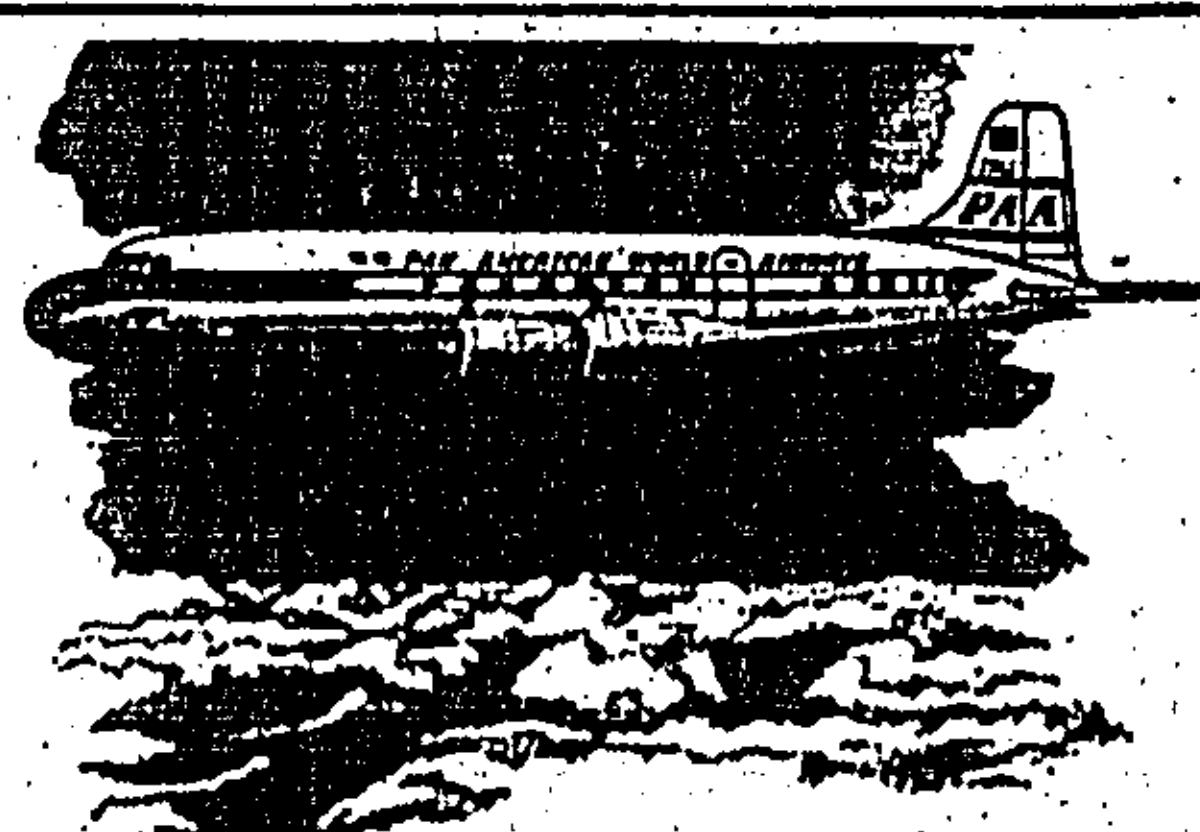
Ship Sinks: 67 Drowned

Bogota, Apr. 29. Fifty-two policemen and 15 crew were drowned when the 1,764 ton Colombia motorship Columbia sank yesterday between Puerto Culpas and Bahia Solano on the Pacific Coast, the Navy said today.

The policemen were on the way to replace the garrison at Bahia Solano. Coastguards rescued 18 of them and found that the Captain, two engineers and the paymaster had reached the shore.—Reuter.

Korea Casualties

Washington, Apr. 29. Announced U.S. battle casualties in Korea reached 134,410 today, an increase of 623 since last week.—Associated Press.



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FRENCH STRIKE THREATS

Paris, Apr. 30. French workers in many sectors of industry were today bombarding their employers with demands for better pay and conditions, and threatening to launch strikes on this eve of May Day.

The situation was particularly grave in the merchant navy. Some 700 officers of the French Transatlantic Lines refused to take their ships out of Le Havre unless they were granted a 40-hour week.

The company replied by cancelling the sailing of the Ile de France for New York and the Antilles for the West Indies, laying the two ships up.

Jules Ramarony, Under-Secretary of State for the Merchant Marine, appealed to the officers to stop their "unjustified" strike but there was no indication that they would do so.

Officers of the Transatlantic Lines and other companies are meeting today in Marseilles, Rouen and Nantes to decide whether to join the strike declared at Le Havre, where some toughest men have also stopped work.

Bank clerks, railway workers, some public transport and car factory workers are expected to strike for varying periods today or tomorrow. Hotel and metal workers are also agitating.

The giant nationalised Renault Car Factory in Paris is a major point of unrest. Some 75,000 men have been temporarily laid off owing to the strike of 500 workers in the upholstery department.—Reuter.

Gloucester's Flight

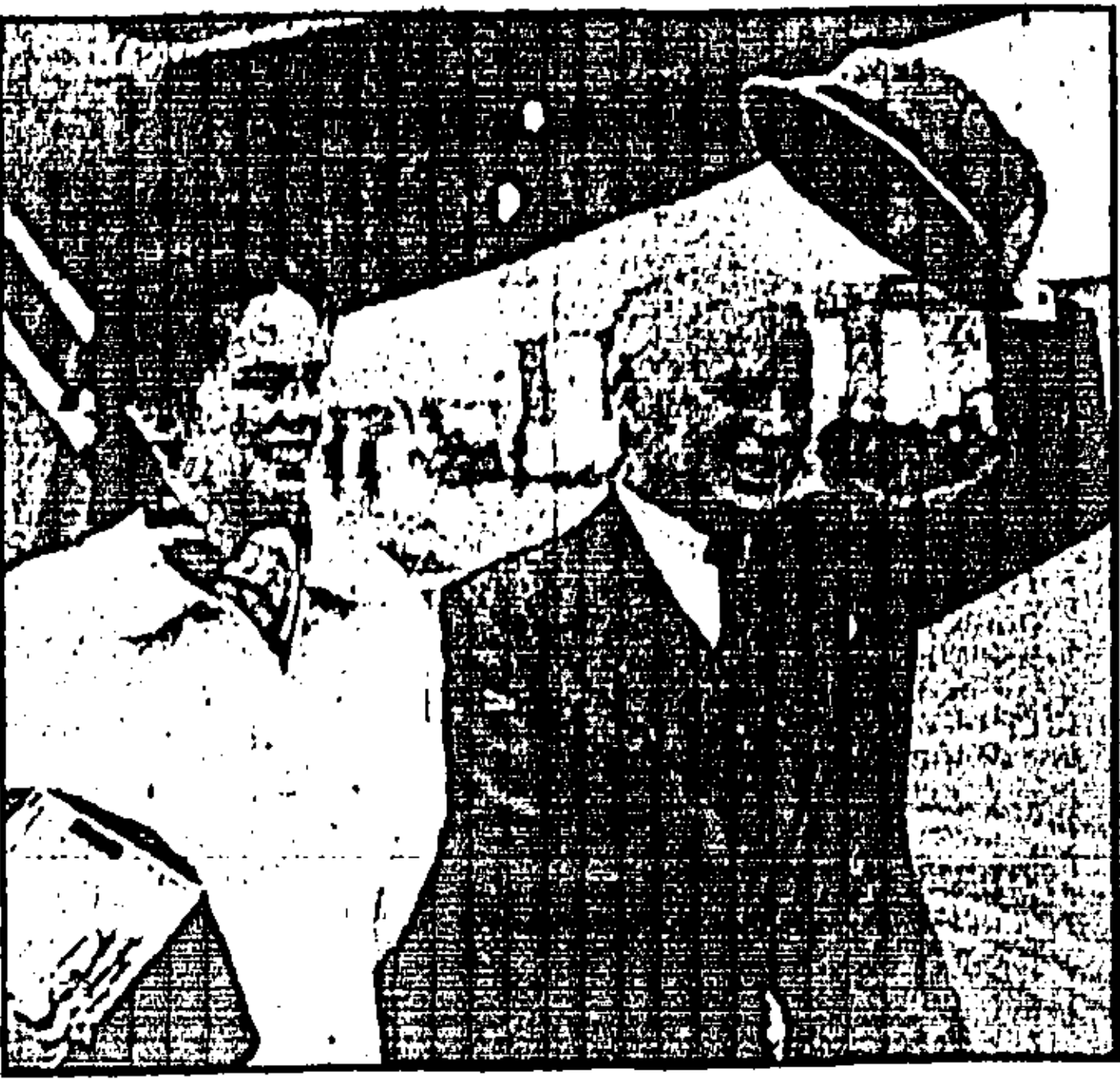
London, Apr. 29. The Duke of Gloucester, after attending the Coronation of King Faisal in Baghdad on Saturday, will go on to Amman to congratulate King Hussein, who is being crowned the same day.

The Duke, uncle of Queen Elizabeth, will convey to King Hussein his niece's personal congratulations.

The Kings of Jordan and Iraq, both aged 18, are both being crowned in their capitals on Saturday.

The date of the Duke's visit to Amman is not yet known. Before returning to London on May 7 he will visit Habbaniyah, Iraq, and stay a day at Mafraq, Jordan.—Reuter.

The Chaplins In England



Waving his hat to a small crowd that called "Welcome, Charlie" at London Airport is Charlie Chaplin, seen with his wife, Oona, when they arrived from Geneva. Mr. Chaplin subsequently issued a statement saying he had decided not to return to the United States but would take up residence in Britain.—Reuterphoto.

End Of Sugar Rationing?

London, Apr. 29. The Food Minister, Major Gwilym Lloyd George, today forecast the end of sugar rationing this year.

He told the annual luncheon of the Caters' Association in London that recent purchases of Cuban sugar would mean an increase in the ration soon and added: "Later this year we shall be free once, and I hope, for all from this most restrictive of all food ration schemes."—Reuter.

THE QUEEN'S REQUEST

London, Apr. 29. Queen Elizabeth II would like everyone worshipping in Anglican churches on May 31, the Sunday before her Coronation on June 2, to sing the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is My Shepherd." It is her favourite.

The form of service for that Sunday is being published on Thursday by command of the Queen.

One of the hymns she would like is "The Queen, O God, Her Heart to Thee Upraiseth, With Her The Nation Bows Before Thy Face."

It is a slightly altered version of an old hymn included in the volume known in Anglican circles as the "Queen's Hymnal."—Associated Press.

"United South Africa Conception Impossible"

SENATOR SUGGESTS A NEW FEDERATION

Pietermaritzburg, Natal, Apr. 29. Senator George Heaton Nicholls, one-time African High Commissioner in London, said today that he had evidence of a possible "exodus" of English-speaking people from South Africa.

Senator Nicholls recently resigned from the United (opposition) Party.

He said: "If English-speaking people are to be driven out of South Africa, the Afrikaners under Dr Malan will not be able to fill the vacuum."

Peace Through Strength

Best Insurance For World's Hopes

London, Apr. 29. Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the Home Secretary, said today that the best insurance for "new-found hopes" remained in a policy of peace through strength and in the Atlantic Pact.

He said that the free people of the British Commonwealth, the United States and Europe.

"Our contribution to the united strength of the free nations has depended on our efficiency in handling rearmament," he told a meeting of women Conservatives.

"The skilful handling of foreign affairs by the Foreign Secretary has enabled us to spread rearmament over a longer period and thus lessen the immediate load."

"It has been possible to adjust the burden of our economy and give the best possible chance to our export trade."

Sir David Maxwell Fyfe said it was largely due to the initiative of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, that the sick and wounded prisoners are now being returned from Korea.

Mr. Eden's hope that the exchange might lead in turn to a new spirit of approaching an honourable armistice was now a possibility.

"We have still to be cautious, but we hope the talks will at length succeed," he said.

Sir David said: "There are signs of a new mood in the Kremlin and, as Sir Winston Churchill has said, we shall not throw away a single hope however slender."—Reuter.

"Nothing short of the establishment of an American military protectorate in fact it got in none would have saved China."—United Press.

"This idea, it appears," he continued, "has served its purpose as campaign material."

"But the campaign is over and the fact of the matter is that it was the sheer and protracted stupidity of the Nationalist Government that lost China to the Communists."

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Effective co-operation between the white sections is the only way to save white civilisation in Africa, he said, and under present conditions "co-operation is impossible."

Senator Nicholls suggested that Afrikaners-speaking areas of the Union "could have their Republics" and that English-speaking areas could continue their old traditions and form a separate monarchy.

He said that South Africa should recognise the inconvertibility of the two white sections of the Union. The concept of one united country was impossible and a new federation should take its place, he said.

Senator Nicholls thought it was impossible for any combination of opposition parties to defeat the Nationalists, who, he said, were gaining ground through their religious appeal.

"There is nothing we can do about it except to go our separate ways in peace," he said.

He visualised full economic and political relations between Afrikaner Republics and a monarchy in South Africa based on his proposed new type of federation.

Non-European affairs would be handled in the traditions of the separate sections.

The two racial sections of the Union, he said, were growing increasingly hostile. A clash would be fatal to white civilisation in South Africa.

"The English-speaking people—reared in a liberal tradition—cannot possibly accept the politico-religious fundamentalism of the Nationalists," he said.

Senator Nicholls, 77, is considered to be the spokesman for English-speaking South Africans. He is Chairman of the Democratic Committee of the ex-Servicemen's Torch Corps, the anti-Nationalist organisation.

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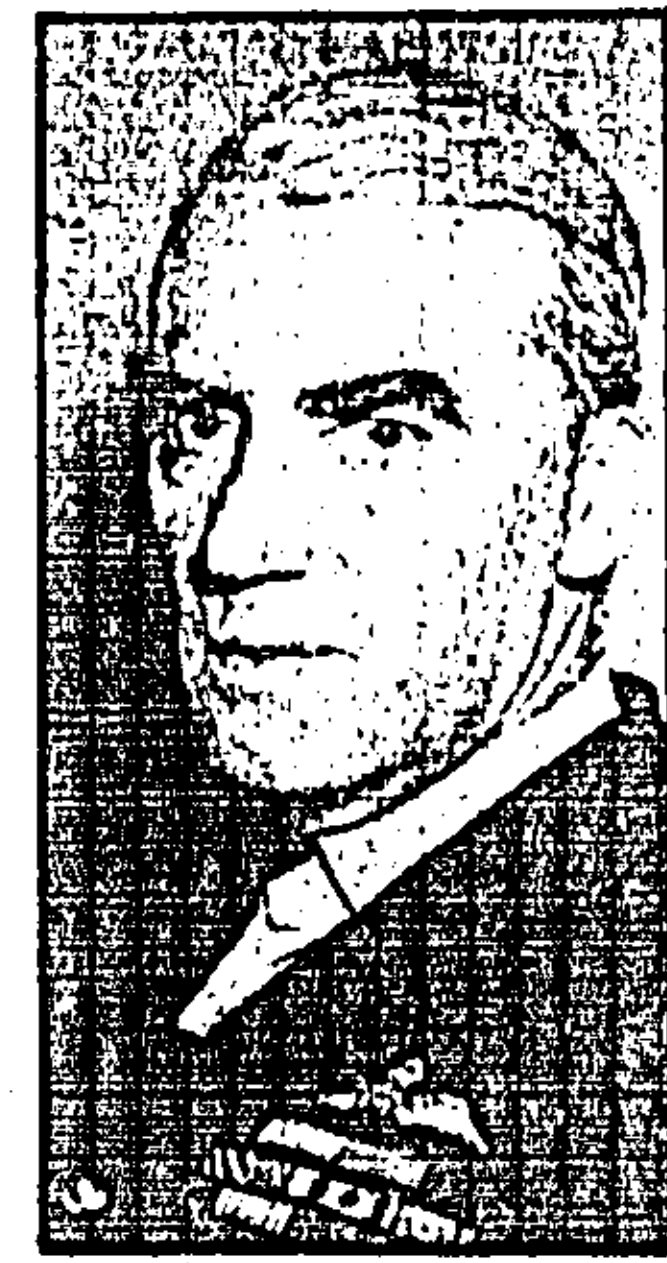
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FIGHTER CHIEF



Air Marshal Sir Dermot Boyle photographed at his Stammore headquarters the day he took over as Air Officer Commanding Fighter Command, R.A.F., from Air Marshal Sir Basil Embury. Air Marshal Boyle is one of the R.A.F.'s greatest jet pilots; it was he who led the R.A.F. Canberra jet squadron's goodwill tour of Latin America in 1951.—Central Press Photo.

FRANCE WARNED OF DEFICIT

Paris, Apr. 29. Minister of the Budget Jean Moreau today told the Finance Committee of the French National Assembly that the nation is facing an ever greater budget deficit than was forecast for this year.

He said that the estimates and income less than expenses.

He indicated that expenses—either civil or military or both—would have to be reduced.

Mr. Moreau said the present Premier Rene Mayer and his Cabinet are now working on measures to bring about the reduction and that Assembly approval would be asked when Parliament resumes on May 12.

The Premier also appeared before the Committee to stress that several measures will have to be taken.

Mr. Moreau said the present outlook is for a budget deficit of about 804,000,000 francs, an increase of 200,000,000 francs from the budget was prepared and passed earlier this year.

He said a re-evaluation of expenses indicated that 3,802,000,000 francs would have to be spent—an increase of 134,000,000 francs over the original estimates. At the same time, he said, income is running about 103,000,000 francs behind original hopes.—Associated Press.

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Speidel's Visit To Britain

Strong Criticism In The House

London, Apr. 29.

Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, said today that he saw no reason why General Hans Speidel, former Chief of Staff to General Rommel, should not come to Britain to see Britain's armament strength.

Resisting strong Labour criticism in the House of Commons, he added: "At the height of the war I paid my tribute to Rommel's outstanding military gifts."

"I regard his resistance to the Hitler tyranny, which cost him his life, as an additional distinction to his memory."

Mr. J. O. Thomas, a Labour member, suggested that it was an affront that the Prime Minister himself should pay a tribute to General Speidel who was "doubtless a member of the German officer caste who made themselves willing partners of the Nazi regime."

Sir Winston Churchill said General Speidel has enjoyed the confidence of British and Allied military officers and he has attended British post-war manoeuvres in Germany and was "a much respected man."

Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the opposition, said he thought everyone realised there was always a danger of resurgent German militarism and therefore conditions were laid down for the integration of Germany with other European forces.

"This has not yet been achieved," he said. "I should have thought it surely premature when we do not know what the Germans will take on rearmament or whether they will come into EDC at all, to invite a German general, whatever his past record, to see all our most secret things."

The Prime Minister replied that this sprang from the NATO alliance arising out of the normal working of the very bodies that Mr. Attlee helped to create.—Reuter.

Tito Mission To India

Belgrade, Apr. 29. A Yugoslav economic mission is leaving on Saturday to explore trade possibilities with India, Indonesia and Ceylon.

It will be headed by Jancz Vipotnik, Minister of Economics in the Slovene Provincial Government.

It was thought probable here that the mission would also decide to include Burma and Thailand in its itinerary.

A Yugoslav mission is at present in Tokyo for talks on opening up trade with Japan.—Reuter.

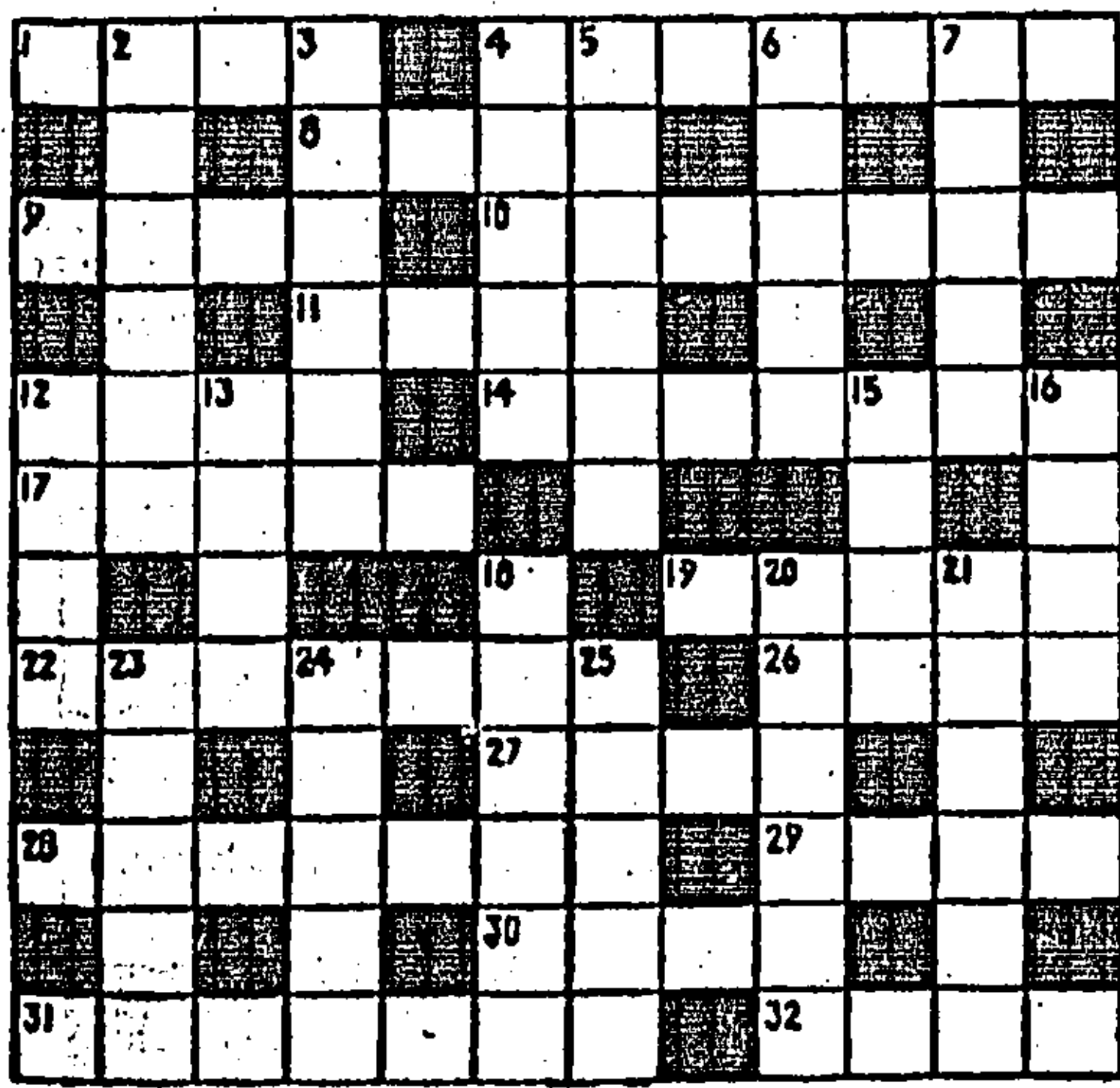
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Platform (4).
- 2 Own (7).
- 3 Seaside feature (4).
- 4 One of royal race of Peru (4).
- 5 Recommendations (7).
- 6 Regulation (4).
- 7 Bundle (4).
- 8 Dismissing (7).
- 9 Escape readily (5).
- 10 Very silly (5).
- 11 Cavalier (7).
- 12 Purposes (4).
- 13 Chase (4).
- 14 Abrades (7).
- 15 Preposition (4).
- 16 Notified (4).
- 17 Shifts (7).
- 18 Clothing (4).

DOWN

- 2 Occurring every year (6).
- 3 Refrained from killing (6).
- 4 Chimes (5).
- 5 Severe trial (6).
- 6 Adhere (5).
- 7 Gloss (5).
- 8 Crooked (4).
- 9 Parlor game (4).
- 10 Rasenals (4).
- 11 Makes fun of (4).
- 12 Command (6).
- 13 Pleasure-trip (6).
- 14 Alloy (6).
- 15 Fell (5).
- 16 Speak eloquently (5).
- 17 Stratagems (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Method, 5 Doubt, 8 Rider, 9 Veal, 10 Limit, 11 Lures, 12 Nail, 13 Toast, 14 Defiant, 15 Lenses, 20 Stern, 22 List, 23 Agate, 25 Verso, 26 Octave, 27 Error, 28 Amies, 29 Nurses. Down: 1 Mementoes, 2 Terrible, 3 Omb, 4 Dulles, 5 Deities, 6 Orison, 7 Bliss, 14 Admiration, 15 Treasures, 16 Dangers, 17 Footoon, 18 Erases, 21 Theatricals.

Solution to Puzzle appearing last Tuesday.—Across: 1, Polior; 6, Fired; 9, Veal; 10, Misses; 11, Ensur; 12, Spruce; 14, Test; 16, Erases; 18, Creep; 19, Edito; 20, Extant; 24, Arena; 25, In; 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Collective Bargaining In Malaya

London, Apr. 29.

Mr Oliver Lyttelton, Colonial Secretary, said it was the policy of the Government of the Federation of Malaya to improve the machinery of collective bargaining in the tin mining industry by encouraging the growth of sound trade unions.

He was asked by Mr Aubrey (Labour) in the Commons today what steps he was taking to establish a wage negotiating machinery for the 40,000 workers in the tin mining industry of Malaya.

Mr Lyttelton: "Even if we destroy the bandits and win the war in Malaya, if we lose the confidence of the people in the tin mines we have lost Malaya. It is necessary that they should have confidence that they are getting a square deal. Will he take the initiative in establishing this machinery?"

Mr Lyttelton: "The Government can only provide the machinery for setting up trade unions. It rests with the employees themselves to make use of the machinery."—Reuter.

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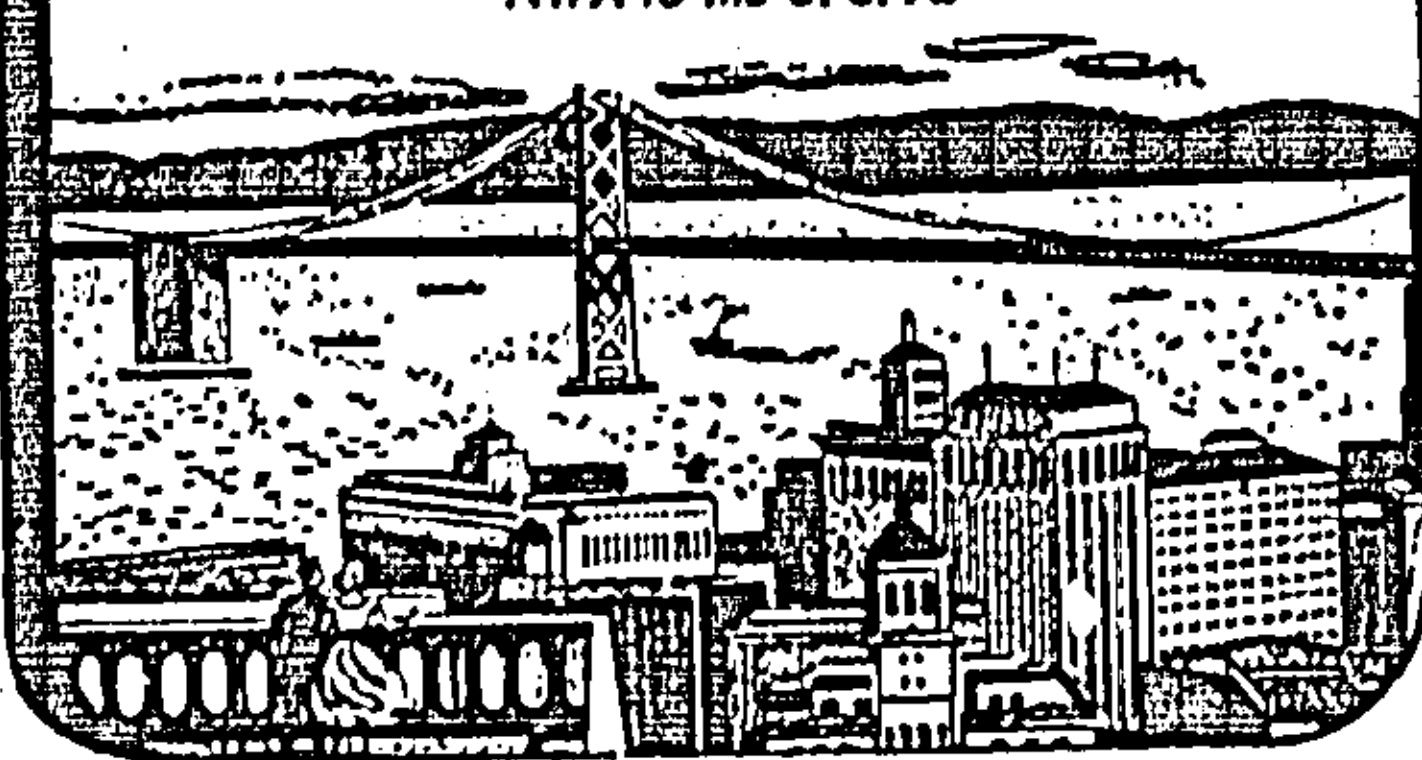
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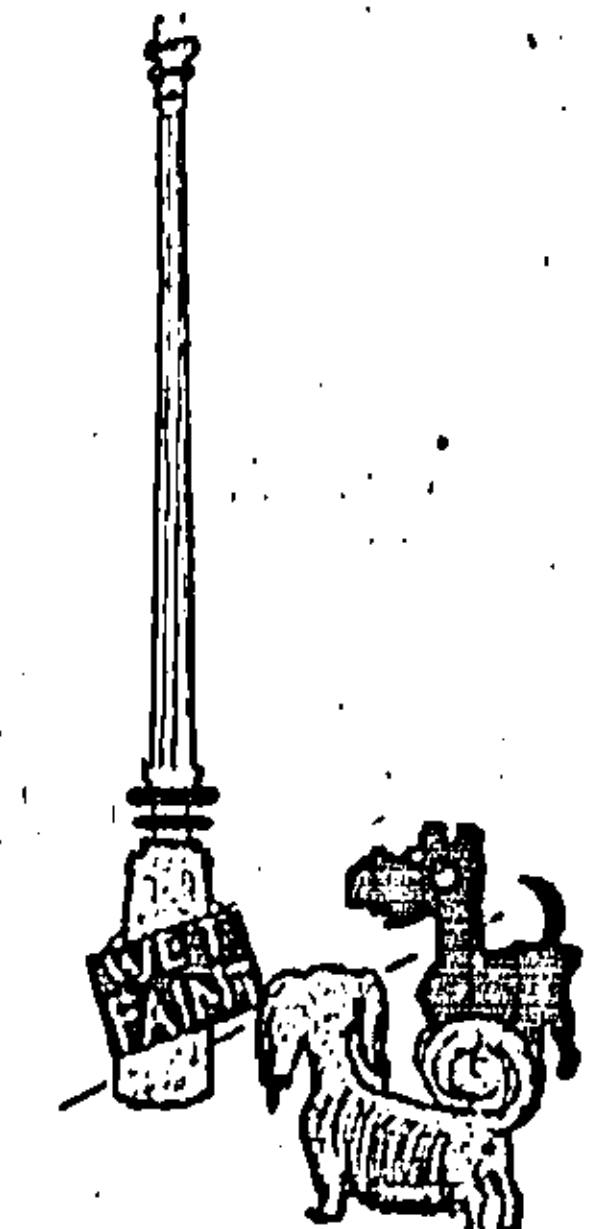
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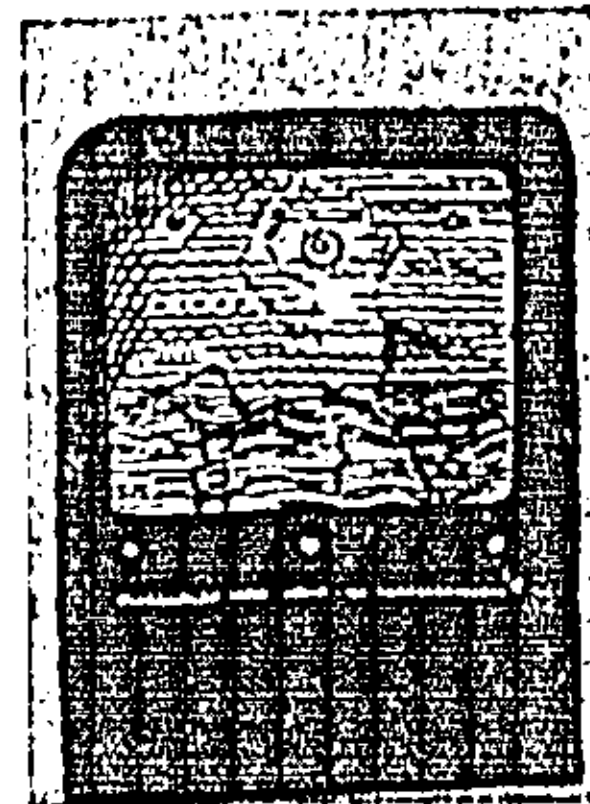
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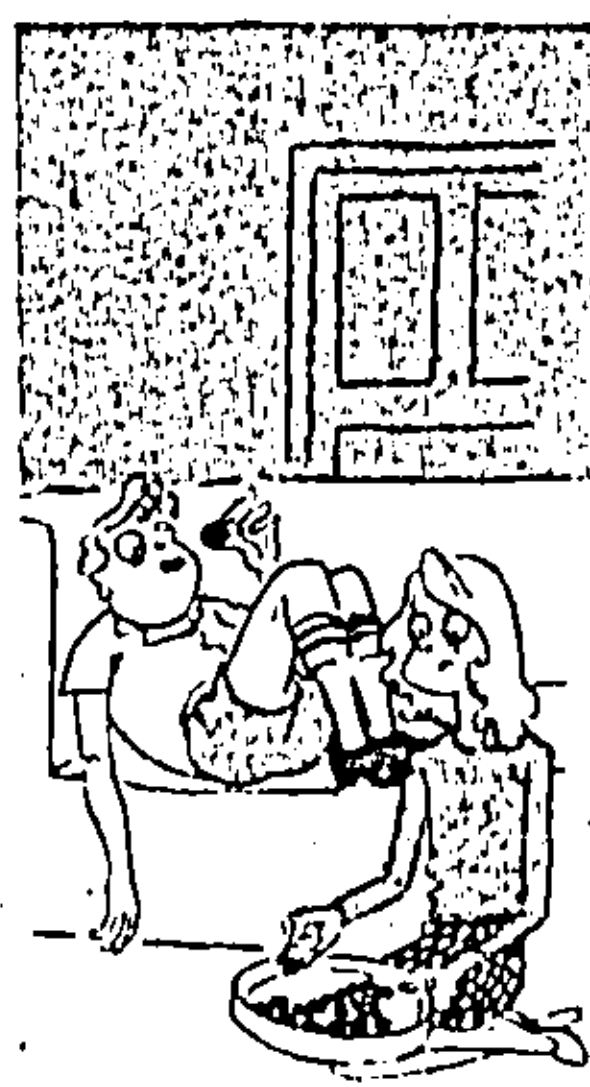
"I'm sure it's very artistic, dear, but personally I should prefer something just a shade less conspicuous."



"May I take this opportunity of reminding comrades that television is among those inventions which were quite erroneously attributed to the Russian genius?"



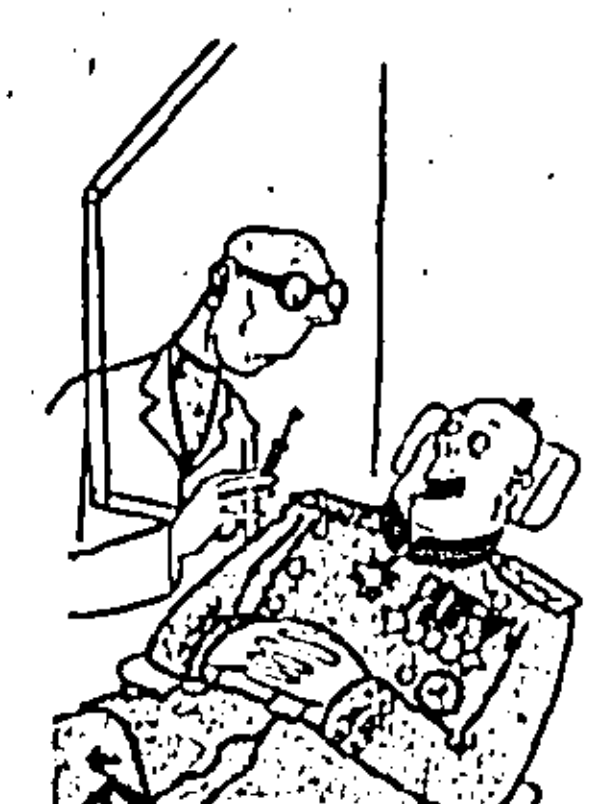
"And to think of the fuss we make when a British armaments king can't account for fifty pounds' worth of foreign currency!"



"I say, isn't it wonderful to think there'll be no more chances for Mum to go round looking martyred, telling people: 'Of course WE always give OUR ration to the children'?"



"Never let us forget, Phosgene, that in the long run this experiment will bring inestimable benefits to humanity—if, of course, there is a long run."



"I was just saying to myself: 'Now relax, General, I promise you you won't feel a thing'!"



"Showcross is quite right—provided his party has done its utmost to increase litigation no lawyer need be ashamed of being in politics."



"Why should presentation at Court still be limited to the privileged few? Are we or are we not living in the century of the Common Fish?"

"THEY HAVE THEIR EXITS," CHAPTER 10

THE PERILOUS PLOT OF "DR CALOMEL"

By AIREY NEAVE, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

Preceding chapters: The author, after an unsuccessful attempt to escape, disguised as a German N.C.O., from Colditz, the "Bad Boys" Camp, is selected to take part in a more elaborate attempt—through a forgotten passage from the camp theatre, where a pantomime is in rehearsal, to the guard block.

SOME of my friends were disheartened by the failure of our escape attempts. But I learned at Colditz that the escaper must have absolute confidence in his success. He must never be discouraged by the gloom of his companions or he is lost. It seemed to me that if two men in German officers' uniforms were to descend the stairs from the attic and emerge from the guardhouse door their appearance would not be questioned by the sentry outside.

During preparations for the guardhouse escape I was able to write and produce for the pantomime a three-act sketch entitled "The Mystery of Wombat College." The principal character in this episode was Dr Calomel, an unpleasant headmaster with heavy black brows resembling Groucho Marx—a part I decided to play myself.

WHEN the rehearsals began at the end of November the discovery of the way to the guardhouse had just been made. I took no part in the lock-picking or the carpentry involved, as I was busy with the production of my sketch. One afternoon while I was rehearsing a scene in which Dr Calomel was tearfully expelling the younger son of a duke I heard muffled thuds beneath the stage. The figure of Pat Reid, my assistant, "Hank" Wardle, appeared from below covered in dust and plaster. They had good news of the escape route.

The final plan was for two parties of bogus German officers to escape at an interval of twenty-four hours. The first would consist of Lieutenant Toni Lutyn and myself. The second would consist of John Hyde-Thomson and Lieutenant Donkers.

I had no difficulty in disguising officers who could convert a Dutch officer's green coat I had obtained into a very possible German officer's overcoat. The epaulettes, normally of woven silver braid, were



Part of the finale scene of "The Mystery of Wombat College." Neave, indicated by "A," played "Dr Calomel." Lutyn, "B," was in the orchestra.

made from thick linoleum cut from the floor of the bathroom, painted silver and sewn to the shoulders.

I had decided to promote myself to the rank of Oberleutnant and to take on the identity of an infantry officer named Schwartz. Small gold stars to denote that rank were fashioned from wood with a penknife. A dark green collar was cut from green balise material. The buttons were of lead from laundry piping, poured into moulds. My belt and holster were of cardboard painted brown.

I made a remarkable discovery concerning my own service dress uniform cap which had been sent to me by my parents in a parcel. I stripped it of khaki material and discovered to my astonishment that, underneath, it had a bright black shiny peak.

Squadron Leader Brian Paddon, D.S.O., D.F.C., that most ingenious mind among escapers, bent the brim and high above the peak, and covered the whole with Dutch uniform material. The principal badge he cut from linoleum. The familiar eagle's wings and swastika design, also in linoleum, were sewn above. He finished this masterpiece by sewing white piping on the edge of the brim.

Toni Lutyn, my Dutch companion, was in the camp orchestra. Since we were both occupied in the theatre we were able to transfer our disguises in Red Cross boxes underneath the stage.

I had hoped to combine my escape with my appearance in the part of Dr Calomel. Lutyn and I crawling under the stage and the flange, then under cover of deafening music above depending to the passageway.

This ambitious, if sensational, plan proved impossible. When the curtain was due to rise out German uniforms were not complete, nor were our forged

There was a sharp order of dismissal and mingling with the dispersing prisoners, Pat Reid, "Hank" Wardle, Lutyn and I hurried quickly into the senior officers' quarters. In the darkness of the theatre we felt our way beneath the stage, then carefully prised up the loose floorboards. Pat Reid lifted the trap, the mattress-cover rope was let down through the hole in the ceiling and cautiously we climbed down, holding the boxes of uniforms, to the floor of the passage.

PAT Reid, shining his lighter on the lock, swiftly picked the lock of the gate bridge door. It opened without a sound, for he had told the things earlier in the week. We walked across to the door that led to the guardhouse.

The German uniform overcoats were unpacked in silence and we put them over our workmen's clothes, leaving our battledress in the boxes. There was no sound except the grating in the lock. A minute passed, and suddenly came fear and exasperation. We stood motionless with pounding hearts. Pat Reid spoke in a hoarse whisper: "I'm afraid I can't get it open!"

Tomorrow: Ten Terrible Minutes

DE MILLE FOR PROPAGANDA

from DONALD LUDLOW

New York. CECIL B. DE MILLE, who at 71 is still firmly enthroned as Hollywood's king of the spectacular, is "joining" the State Department.

America's new international information chief, Robert L. Johnson, has asked him to study the production of propaganda films.

He wants De Mille to suggest new men to make the films, and new ways of "putting the American story across in movies."

De Mille has accepted, but in Washington with sharpened teeth. Knowing De Mille's predilection for massive scenes in Roman arenas, he is asking: "Who is going to be thrown to the lions?"

Certainly heads are going to roll.

After only weeks in his job Johnson is embarking on a thorough clean-up. Information officers from U.S. embassies all over the world are being brought back for conference. Experts like De Mille will survey every field of information work.

Johnson's view: "We've been spending millions and getting nothing for them."

REPRESENTATIVE Jim Burton, of Arkansas ("Arkansas") expected trouble when he suggested a tax on bachelors—but not from spinsters.

The girls are showering him with protesting letters—at the rate of 100 a day.

And have formed the A.P.A.-S.B.B.H.A.U.W.—Association for the Prevention of Alarming and Stammering Bachelors Beyond the Hopes of Arkansas Unmarried Women.

The Duchess of Windsor, the Marchioness of Queensberry, and some of the wealthiest and most beautiful women in New York society appear as advertising models in a special supplement of the New York Herald-Tribune to raise funds for New York Infirmary.

The Duchess, in a half-page advertisement, displays a lipstick, the urchin-cropped 30-year-old marchioness a bottle of

DON IDDON'S DIARY

PEACE PALACE IS FULL OF SMILES

New York, Tuesday. WHEN I walked into the delegates' lounge at United Nations headquarters there was a group of reporters surrounding Mr Andrei Vishinsky. My colleague Richard Greenough signalled to me and I joined the group.

Mr Vishinsky beamed and bowed. The gold fillings in his teeth glittered under the electric lights. He was all affability and charm, delighted with the world, happy to talk to the Press, brimming with *bouhomie*.

The Russian, who has on occasion charged cannibalism and gorm wags, against the West, made little jokes about the soft and easy life of U.N. correspondents, declared Mr Eisenhower's foreign policy speech "interesting, but not completely accurate," turned down suggestions that he join us for a drink, then strolled off with a friendly wave and a grin that somehow no longer looked fendish.

I said: "How long has this new Vishinsky been spreading sweetness and light?"

A South American correspondent said: "He perfected this act weeks ago. You'd think he was running in a popularity contest."

Changes

THE transformation of Mr Vishinsky is not the only change in United Nations headquarters.

The big glass building that was beginning to resemble a tomb after Trygve Lie's resignation, the firings, and the purgings, is a hopeful, if not completely happy place these days. The morale of the Secretariat and the delegates has jumped. There is more bustle and purpose in the peace palace.

The U.N. has recovered its nerve and has even had the boldness to tell its critics that it is very much a working guest, spending twice its cost in the United States and bringing millions of dollars in cash to New York City alone.

I saw Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the chief American delegate, during a tour of the building. He is as handsome as a film star, obviously turned out, and gleefully happy in the job. There was a cluster of women around him, suspended on his words, and any minute I expected him to start signing autographs.

Our man, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, was nearby, hard at work over a pile of papers (Jebb is an indefatigable worker), and we shook hands and chatted briefly. Sir Gladwyn is one of the most respected and gifted of all the delegates who gather here. He is masterly on television, a talented debater, and a polished diplomat.

Once I asked him the reason for his being so telegraphic, and he said: "Before I came here I'd never been on television. I just don't think of the cameras and carry on normally."

I dined with Sir Gladwyn recently at his magnificent house in Riverside, just outside New York. He was a meticulous host, keeping everyone of the 10 or so guests in the picture.

We are fortunate to have him here.

Incidentally, the experts in the U.N. say that President Eisenhower's famous disarmament programme is almost identical with the programme urged by President Truman in October 1950. However, Mr Eisenhower's timing seems to have been better.

Even Wall Street, the timid and the tremulous, has been fortified by the President's speech. Mr Eisenhower has largely demolished the stock-brokers' and investors' fears that peace means recession or depression.

I only hope the Eisenhower Administration will follow the brave words with bold actions.

Our prestige

WHAT has happened to the Trade, Not Aid policy? The turning down of the low bid by English Electric, Ltd., for generators and transformers for a big new American dam is a dismal disappointment. Americans of goodwill are indignant, and the State Department is not at all happy.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles does not seem to be able to get his way in many things. In fact, Mr Dulles is believed to be gradually on his way out of office.

Anyway, you will be delighted to know that British prestige just now is ace-high. Why? Because of the bold, buck-up Budget.

We are admired, we are envied. Almost everyone concedes that an American "Rab" Butler would be very welcome here.

Our business men are also demonstrating boldness and optimism.

I had dinner the other night with Sir Eric Bowater, the paper magnate. Sir Eric is putting millions into a Bowater project in Tennessee and looks like making millions for British. He is a tremendous booster for the British, an aggressive debunker of the "Britain is broke" rubbish.

Stimulating

ALTOGETHER it has been a stimulating week socially and professionally. New York is full of bounce and is taking on some bizarre overtones.

When I returned from Canada I strolled into Toots Shors' restaurant. There was a chimpanzee at the bar signing a glass of champagne. I knew I was back in New York.

I said to the bartender: "Who's the new customer?" The bartender said: "It's J. Fred Muggs—you know the monkey that's such a hit on television—some publicity stunt or something."

I watched J. Fred Muggs slip his champagne delicately, and with appreciation, and then his owner put a cloth cap on Fred's head and the chimpanzee was taken out. Quite a prosperous lunch when even the monkeys drink champagne!

The correspondence from the clients is interesting. Mr Clinton Hutton, inventor, author, and journalist, writes from London: "Please try to help me."

Hutton, an Englishman with a fine record in peace and war, has been trying to get a visa to the United States for over a year and it still has not been granted. The reason? None given.

From the Department of Justice, Immigration, and Naturalisation Service I have received an alien's registration card to fill up. This is about the tenth card or document I have had to sign in the past few years. No fingerprints are required this time. We are making progress.

Well, Charles Chaplin will have no more forms to sign here. His decision never to return made Broadway and Hollywood buzz with talk.

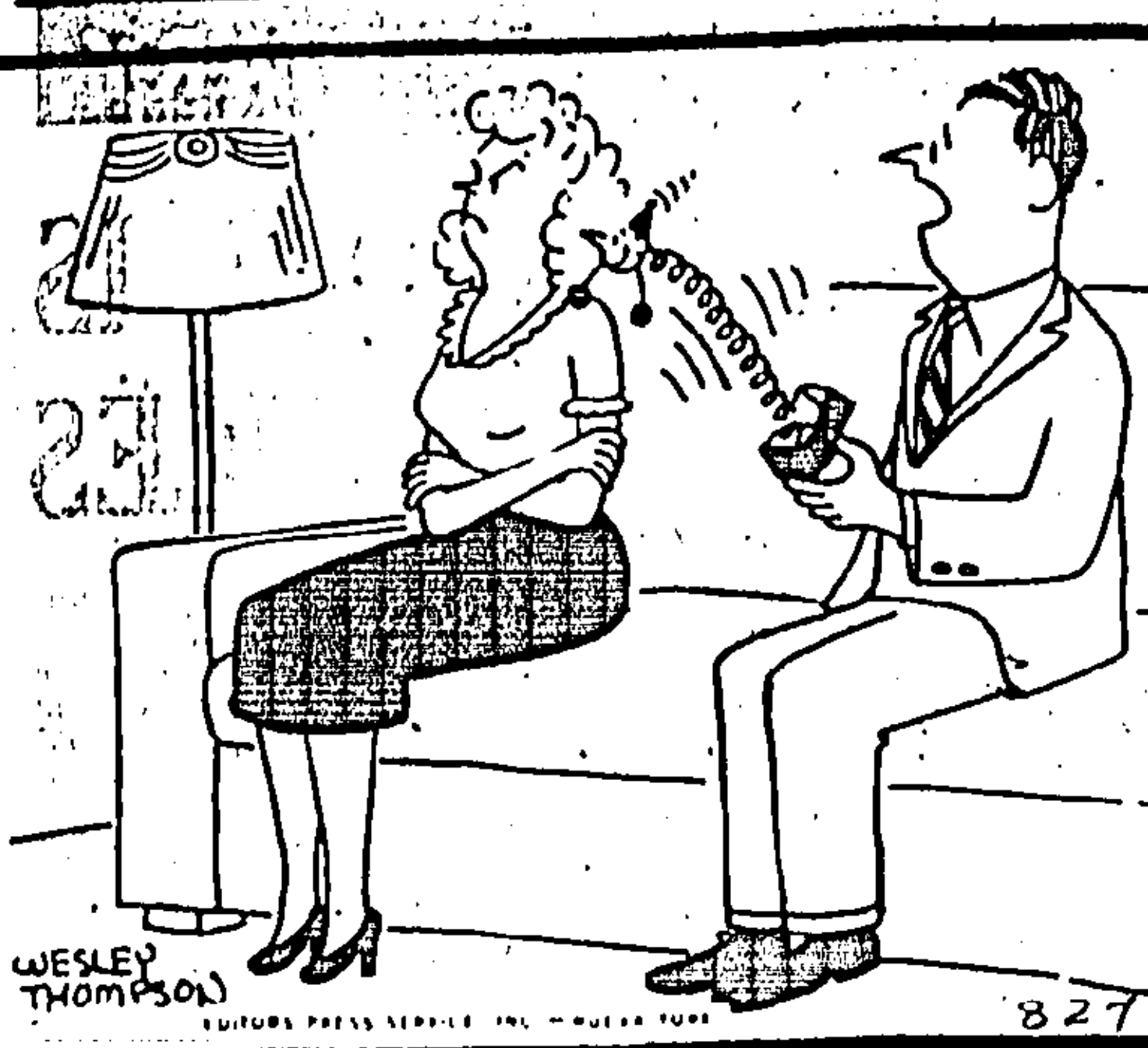
Charles Chaplin, jun., will star in "The Jackie Coogan Story." Margaret Truman has reluctantly turned down a London West End cabaret offer to appear during the Coronation season. She may sing in London later.

Sure-fire

EDDIE FISHER, the Coca-Cola kid and the new "kidding" sensation here, tells me: "I'm all right at the New York Paramount, but I've got stage-fright about appearing at the Palladium. Do you think I'll be all right?"

Basil Rathbone will play Sherlock Holmes on Broadway in a new show written by his wife. Edna Bent will star in "Dorothy Parker's 'Ladies of the Court'" here.

STRANGEST casualty case in a week-end tornado at Fort Rio Rubikosa.



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Don't Be Afraid To Take Chances

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN Ben Johnson, of Spartanburg, S. C., was recently elected president of the American Contract Bridge League, he took over the organization that runs tournaments for more than 40,000 bridge experts. They aren't all in the first ten, to be sure, but they all play regularly and enthusiastically in bridge tournaments.

Ben Johnson is a well known tournament player himself, and might rank higher among the nation's experts if he didn't treat bridge as an adventure. In today's hand, for example, Ben knew that his final bid of four hearts was more courageous than sound, but he felt like taking a chance and came up with a very pretty hand.

West opened the king of spades and continued the suit until Johnson ruffed the third round—with the jack of hearts. Declarer led his low heart to dummy's nine and returned the deuce of diamonds to finesse the jack.

This finesse lost to West's king of diamonds, as expected, and back came another spade. Johnson ruffed with the ace of hearts, led the queen of hearts to dummy's king, and then led the ten of hearts from dummy.

Fortunately, the hearts were 3-3, and this drew all of

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Double	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ K			

Does Minnie lack the common touch?

THE consensus of opinion seems to be that Minnie Slope is a common touch.

The colorful Glazed Bottle Queen of the South Riding has stated that she did not hesitate, in Electric Kettle Week, to allow a Councillor who had won a kiss from her in an auction with a bid of eightpence to claim his prize. In the interests of electric kettles, when to none in my admiration of electric kettles, but the auctioning of kisses savours of folly, and in only one strong and your devotion to your own family will be outstanding.

Produce: Control of what? Myself: Control of everything, of course, you fool.

Radio-controlled tim

EXPERIMENTS with a radio-controlled time-keeper have proven that a woman in Wolverhampton can open a tin in Worcester. What this means is that anybody can open anybody else's tin, whether that is convenient at the moment or not. Rocket-propelled tins that will burst on landing are the next step, but of course, by that time, there will be a Ministry of Tin-opening to control

Off and on

Having specially put on nearly a stone weight in six weeks, in order to play the part, she was told to take off a stone by dieting, as the part had been changed. (Film gossip.)

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THERE is no important question in public or private life which is not, sooner or later, studied by C. Suet, Esq.

At the moment he is working on a scholasticism in connection with underground garages. He intends that the whole scheme will stand or fall by the angle of the ramp. A curving ramp, with a reverse curve at both ends and a simple curve in the middle, double-tracked, will result in inflow avoiding outflow, when the traffic is moving up or down, on the interior lanes provided by an extended runway branching out sideways from the main inlet or outlet. If there is no continuation of the transverse lane, provided by lengthening the turnabouts at every check-point, it is all a question of control, said Suet yesterday.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

BORN today, you have a highly critical nature. If you are a man, you will find it difficult to review books or plays; if a woman, you will find it difficult to review the news, or as a professional critic in the field of music and art, you must judge a very successful career for yourself. But if you just sit around finding fault, you can become the biggest fault-finder there is! The difference is in the approach. You are fond of activity and excitement and thrive best in large cities.

You have a good head for business, too, and will probably make plenty of money during your lifetime. But it would have to be something to do with the professions or the arts, for you are not gifted to a purely business career. There is another side to your nature which comes out only with your own family circle. You are affectionate, loving and rather

romantic. Your imagination takes great delight in it. You are creative, and you are probably highly successful in the field of fiction. Your ties of kin are very strong and your devotion to your own family will be outstanding.

You are a good person to have around in time of crisis, for you are able to think clearly and act quickly in times of danger. Others will look to you for help at such times, too. You have an independent streak in your nature. Although you love to be with those you love, there are times when you want to be alone to think out some serious problem.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

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SCORPIO (Oct. 21-Nov. 21) — Be cheerful and you will find that everything works out all right today. Be happy, today, in every way possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 21) — Be practical. Make careful plans and you will find that everything works out very well, indeed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Be sure that a bargain is really a bargain before you invest good money in it—first intuition!

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 21) — Be very sure of all your facts before you act on a new proposition offered to you today.

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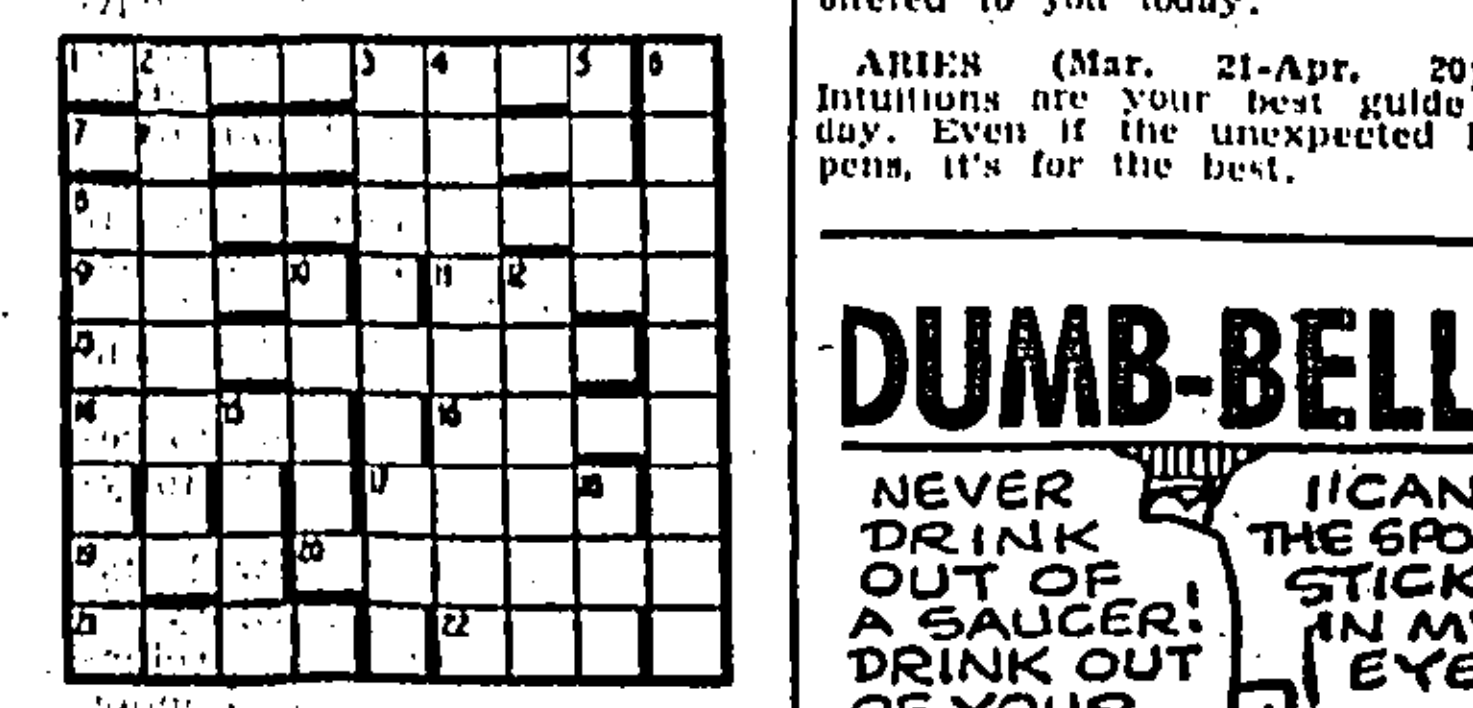
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CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Shook tone in Mary. (6)
 2. To a peak, a hill. (4)
 3. Order, rule. (6)
 4. Quarter of deer, perhaps. (4)
 5. So make it a rule. (4)
 6. Protect from disease. (6)
 7. The widow's possibly. (4)
 8. Home folk. (4)
 9. For media at dinner. (4)
 10. And so on. (4)
 11. Horace's garden tool? (4)
 12. Island life. (4)
- Down
1. He always hopes. (4)
 2. A fine, a hill. (4)
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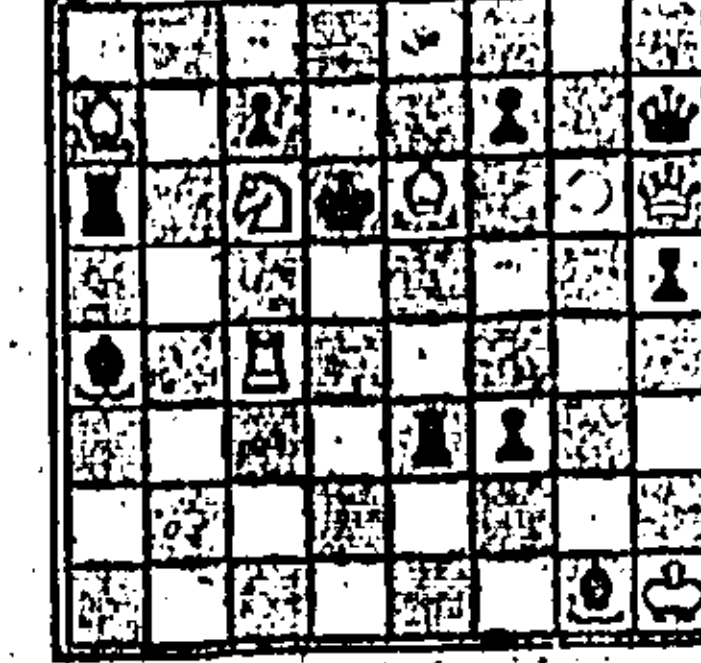


WHAT'S HIS LINE?

SAM N. LAING
No arrange the letters to spell his occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

CHESS PROBLEM

By D. HIELES
Black, 10 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. P-B4; threat 2. Q-Q1 (ch).
K-K3; 2. R-Q4; 1... K-B2; 2. R-K5; 1... P-P3; 2. R-QB3; 1... P-K4; 2. R-K4; 1... R-B4; 2. R-KP (ch).

WOMANSENSE

Gilbertian Chapeau



Roma Dunville, who plays one of the chorus in the original Vivian Carter Opera Company, wore the latest Victorian trend chapeau for a river bank picnic scene in the film "Mr Gilbert and Mr Sullivan". This gay little will of the wisp hat is a happy union of blue and white nylon candy stripe and crisp

SWAN LAKE DANCER IS NOW INSPECTOR 34 AND SHE FEEDS THE SWANS

THE heroine of Swan Lake keeps an eye on real swans now. She is fair-haired Miss Ninette Bryce - Gold, former ballerina of the International Ballet Company and now London's only woman RSPCA inspector.

Miss Bryce - Gold began dancing when she was five, was picked from her class for special lessons by a Russian ballet teacher, and danced in Vienna, The Hague and Rome.

But her love of animals was stronger than her love of the ballet. A year ago she began her training with the RSPCA. Now she is Inspector No. 34 and wears a navy blue uniform she designed herself. It is tailored with front and back kick pleats and white pique collar and cuffs.

Dog finds a home

Occasionally Miss Bryce-Gold feels lonely for the ballet. "Like right now when the company is in sunny Barcelona," she said. "But helping the animals is a very satisfying job. I love it." She covers 13 districts and is on call 24 hours a day.

"We investigate," complaints, help people to care for their animals properly or find new homes for the animals if necessary," she said.

One sheep dog cross for which she was supposed to find a new home now lives in Miss Bryce-Gold's flat. "I became too fond of him to part with him," she said.

She carries with her bread-crumbs and sugar lumps. The bread usually goes to the swans, the sugar to horses.



DANCER-AND RABBIT "This is a job I love."

Let's Eat BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Chefs Choose Simple Foods In Planning A Buffet Menu

"AT last I shall find out what chefs choose for a buffet supper when they plan it for themselves," I said to the Chef. "You may be surprised, Madame," our Chef laughed, as he adroitly piloted me into the supper room of the Savoy-Plaza. Visiting chefs from all over the country had gathered there for an early evening reception and buffet.

Our Chef was right. I was surprised—at the simplicity and simple goodness of the buffet.

Time-Saving Service
The foods were arranged on long, white-covered tables, each half duplicating the same foods, so two lines could be formed for buffet service from both ends—a big time-saver.

Came first the hot hors d'oeuvres, served from chafing dishes or electric hot plates. These included: savoury cheese pies, fried oysters, grilled cocktail franks, and a new service for Swedish meat balls.

Mushroom Meat Balls
Make marble-sized Swedish meat balls and saute in butter. When almost done, press into the top of each a small fresh or tinned mushroom top sauteed in butter. Serve sizzling hot in paper bon-bon cups.

Next came the cold hors d'oeuvres—platters of smoked fish of all kinds, assorted olives, pickles, sliced tomatoes and celery hearts. After this, enormous platters of cold baked ham and turkey, old-fashioned potato salad, cole slaw and warm crusty rolls.

Trick of the Chef
Add half a coarse-grated tart apple to roast pork pie.

MASSAGE HELPS PLUMP ANKLES

A scented shaving cosmetic for girls also helps smooth skin. When you use it, massage ankles to keep them slim and lovely.

By HELEN FOLLETT

Instructors of physical education, who keep an eye on the figures of their feminine pupils, say that ankles are getting larger. It seems that, in more remote times, slender ankles were a common beauty commodity. This, they explain, is because of the fact that the muscles of the legs were not so well developed. It is said that, in the past, the legs were not so well developed. It is said that, in the past, the legs were not so well developed.

Graceful Posture
Correct posture and grace of movement depend to a large extent upon strong ankles and legs. Being stronger, they develop. It is said that, in the past, the legs were not so well developed. It is said that, in the past, the legs were not so well developed.

Ankle Action
Weak ankles are a common trouble especially among girls. In mind the slogan, "Chest high and women who would be better off than the men." It is said that, in the past, the legs were not so well developed. It is said that, in the past, the legs were not so well developed.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Some Tips On Flying A Kite

—Watch Out It Doesn't Go Higher Than A Cloud!—

By MAX TRELL

"DID you ever fly a kite, Mr Punch?" Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, asked—his old friend.

"A kite? Yes indeed. When I was a boy I was one of the best kite-flyers in my town. I once flew a kite so high that the string got all tangled up in a cloud."

Knarf looked very surprised.

Not the Worst of It

"And that wasn't the worst of it—oh no, my dear—not the worst of it at all!"

Knarf looked very surprised. "Well," said Mr Punch, "it happened this way. My mother, who always liked to keep the house neat and clean (as mothers always do), told me I could go out in the garden and fly my kite."

"But be sure, my dear Punch," she warned me as I was about to leave, be sure you come right in if it starts to rain. I don't want you to get wet—and I don't want my floors tracked with mud."

"I promised to obey her. Then I went outside and got my kite; and, as a fine breeze was blowing, the kite was soon flying high above the treetops."

"It didn't look the least bit like rain. In fact, there was only one little cloud in the sky. It didn't seem to be going anywhere in particular. It just stayed in the sky, directly overhead—though, of course, it was quite a way off."

Let the String Out

"Now I kept looking at that cloud, and by-and-by I decided it would be fun to see if I could get my kite to fly that high. So I let out the string. Higher and higher flew the kite and I let out more and more string. Finally it was just under the cloud. Dear me," sighed Mr Punch, "I should have stopped right there. But alas, I didn't."

"What did you do, Mr Punch?"

"I decided to make it fly higher than the cloud. So I let out a little more string. The next moment I saw what a terrible thing I had done. The kite went right through the cloud! I started winding in the string at once. But the string was all tangled up in it and the faster I wound in the string, the closer I pulled down the cloud!"

"Suddenly the cloud broke and the rain poured down on my head. I remembered what my mother said about coming right in if it started to rain. So I dashed into the house, rain and all!"

The Last Time

Mr Punch looked sad. "I was wet through and through—and so was the house. It was the last time I ever flew my kite that high. And I hope that will be a lesson for you, too, Knarf."

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"ANSHUN"	Singapore	10 a.m. 6th May
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 8th May
"SHANGHAI"	Singapore	10 a.m. 9th May
"FOOCHOW"	Keelung	5 p.m. 9th May
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	8 a.m. 10th May
"HUNAN"	Dukarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	8 a.m. 10th May
	Tientsin	10 a.m. 14th May

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"ANKING"	Singapore	7 a.m. 1st May
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 5th May
"SZECHUEN"	Kobe	6th May
"FOOCHOW"	Indonesia & Balikpapan	8th May
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"CHANGSHA"	Yokohama	8th May
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"ASCANIUS"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	26th May
"PYRRHUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th June
"TELEMACHUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th June

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G. "AENEAS"	Liverpool	8th May
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G. "PYRRHUS"	do	23rd May
S. "TELEMACHUS"	do	29th May
G. "CALCHAS"	3rd May	7th June
S. "AUTOMEDON"	7th May	13th June
G. "PELLEUS"	13th May	22nd June
S. "BELLEROPHON"	18th May	22nd June

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"BENARES" 15th June

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"BENAVON"	Japan	on or abt 4th May
"BENVENUE"	U.K.	14th May
"BENRECH"	U.K. via Singapore	10th May
"BENALBANACH"	U.K. via Singapore	5th June
"BENRHOR"	U.K.	18th June
"BENRINNES"	U.K.	16th June
"BENATTOW"	U.K.	8th July

SAILINGS

	TO	LOADING ON OR ABT.
"BENVORLICH"	Singapore, London, Rotterdam and Hamburg.	K/Wharf
"BENAVON"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London, Antwerp and Hull	5th May
"BENVENUE"	Liverpool, Rotterdam and Hamburg	16th May
"BENRECH"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama	23rd May
"BENWYVIS"	Direct to Singapore, thence Genoa, Liverpool, Dublin and Antwerp	26th May
"BENALBANACH"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama	8th June
"BENRECH"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London, Rotterdam and Hull	16th June
"BENRINNES"	Genoa, Avonmouth, Liverpool and Glasgow	16th June
"BENATTOW"	Liverpool, Rotterdam and Hamburg	13th July

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CAREY-HUGHES—To Fannie, wife of John Carey-Hughes, at the Queen Mary Hospital, on April 20, 1953, a daughter.

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

7:56

BUT, DAD, I THOUGHT THEY'D NAME THE HOSPITAL AFTER YOU!

NO, DEAR, I THINK THAT'S THE RIGHT NAME FOR IT.

LITTLE DID MARK ANTONY REALIZE HOW HIS LOVE LETTERS WOULD END UP.

ANTONY AND CLARA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

7:56

ISN'T IT LUCKY CLEOPATRA DIDN'T THROW THEM AWAY OR BURN THEM UP? SOME WOMEN DO.

I'VE SAVED ALL OF YOURS.

NO ONE'LL BE INTERESTED IN THEM TENDRUS YEARS FROM NOW.

WHY NOT? I'M MORE INTERESTING THAN ANTONY'S. AT LEAST, TO ME.

NEXT

OUT OF NOWHERE

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AND IN PARTING

By Mik

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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By Frank Robbins

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

MAERSK LINE

m/v "ELLEN MARISS"

having arrived from Karachi and Port of call, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk and expense into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godown at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 8th May, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on 5th May, 1953, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 29th May, 1953, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

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m/s. "TRAFALGAR"

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 5th May, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 13th May, 1953, or they will not be recognized.

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QUEEN'S NECKLACE ON DISPLAY

London, Apr. 29.

Queen Elizabeth is to lend a diamond necklace made from stones presented to her by the South African Government to an annual ball and exhibition in London on May 4.

The ball is in aid of funds for the National Playing Fields Association of which the Duke of Edinburgh is President.

The Queen received the diamonds on her 21st birthday during the Royal tour of South Africa in 1947.

Another loan to the exhibition, which will contain jewellery worth more than a million pounds sterling, is from the Princess Royal.

She has lent a small tiara, a jewelled bracelet and a sapphire and diamond necklace, which belonged to Queen Victoria.

She has also lent a diamond necklace presented to her by the City of London.

The Duchess of Gloucester is lending her turquoise and diamond suite consisting of a tiara, three brooches, two bracelets, a pair of cluster earrings, a necklace and a ring—Reuter.

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"CORFU"	2nd May	8th June
"CANTON"	6th June	6th July
"CARTHAGE"	3rd July	4th August

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"SUNDA"	20th May	Japan
Homewards	Sails	For
"SINGAPORE"	7th May	Singapore, Penang Port Swettenham Colombo, Aden Port Said, Genoa Marseilles, Havre London, Antwerp Rotterdam & Hamburg
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DECLINE IN DOLLAR EARNINGS

(From Our Correspondent)

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Japanese Pact With Argentina

Buenos Aires, Apr. 30.

Agreement on a new trade pact between Japan and Argentina, covering the equivalent of \$80,000,000 trade each way, was finally reached here last night and is expected to be signed today (Thursday).

Informed quarters stated the final draft completed after one or two weeks of negotiations has already been approved by the Japanese and Argentine cabinets.

The treaty provides for the following Argentine exports (in dollars):

Wheat \$27,000,000, wool \$20,000,000, cotton \$8,000,000, cereals \$5,500,000, barley 3,800,000, Quebracho extract \$2,300,000 and others including maize, casein, linseed and linseed oil, bone powder, bristles, skins, mica etc. totalling \$8,200,000.

Among the Japanese exports (dollars) are:

Unprocessed iron and steel \$27,000,000, iron and steel for industry \$15,000,000, processed iron and steel \$5,700,000, unprocessed non-ferrous minerals and metals \$2,500,000.

They include \$10,000,000 worth of capital goods such as oil exploitation and power generation equipment, locomotives and mining machinery.

The balance (in dollars) consists of electric wires \$3,200,000, radio and telephone equipment \$3,000,000, industrial machinery \$3,000,000, and sundries including silk \$2,745,000, chemicals \$1,095,000 and others.

—Reuter.

Capetown, Apr. 29.

During the first two months of this year, compared with the corresponding period of last year, the Union of South Africa's imports decreased and exports increased, according to figures issued by the Commissioner for Customs and Excise.

Imports during the first two months totalled £534,033, compared with £777,513 for the same period in 1952, and exports totalled £573,833, against £549,730.

During February alone, imports totalled £332,000,431 (£330,000,000) and exports £292,163,821 (£290,000,000). These figures do not include gold bullion.

Exports to South-West Africa in February totalled £1,432,811, to Northern Rhodesia £1,089,939 and to Southern Rhodesia £1,860,153.

Diamond exports decreased from £233,282 in February, 1952, to £179,400 this February. Semi-processed and processed gold exports decreased from £8,102,002 to £5,715,936.

Wool exports totalled £7,012,931 during February—an increase of £563,011.

Export of maize dropped from £78,308 in February, 1952, to £1,701 this February.

Fruit (all kinds) to the value of £1,096,317 was exported during February compared with £742,017.

—United Press.

Manila, Apr. 29.

The Ways and Means Committee voted today to extend the 17 per cent tax on foreign exchange. The measure was expected to be reported out to the floor where it stands a good chance of passing.

The foreign exchange tax was to be reduced to 12 per cent this year unless extended. President Quirino supports the extension.—United Press.

FOOD PRICES IN U.S. UP

New York, Apr. 29.

U.S. wholesale food prices as measured by the Dun and Bradstreet index rose this past week to the highest point in four weeks.

The index stood at 80.38 compared with 80.35 a week ago and 80.31 in the same week a year ago. It was the first time since November, 1951, that wholesale food prices included in the index were higher than the same week a year earlier.—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 10.85

sterling (per £1) 22.00

Singapore (per 100) 22.20

Indonesian (per 100) 1.22

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